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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Douglas J. Menkedick et al.	{	Attorney Docket No. 8266-0880
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RESPONSE TO 08/14/2006 OFFICE ACTION

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated August 14, 2006, Applicants submit the following remarks for the Examiner's consideration.

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